

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when a  
few large companies  
control the  
airwaves, the  
supposedly objective  
media is vulnerable  
to being used to  
promote the special  
interests of the  
large corporations  
who own it.  
Sinclair's enforced  
decision to air the  
anti-Kerry special  
is a clearly  
partisan and  
financially  
motivated political  
act, not an action  
in the public  
interest.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.

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